

(Rs. in thousands)

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
3.	Bihar (Patna)	2263	2573	2888
4.	Bihar (Ranchi)	1647	1937	1918
5.	Gujarat	2085	2270	2493
6.	J & K	2578	2588	2922
7.	Karnataka	2125	2526	2535
8.	Kerala	2261	2528	2747
9.	Maharashtra	2492	2857	3011
10.	MP (Bhopal)	1748	2039	2157
11.	MP (Raipur)	1751	2007	2167
12.	Nagaland	2148	2340	2554
13.	NE Shillong	2073	2308	2460
14.	NE Guwahati	2304	2635	3155
15.	NW Chandigarh	3311	3515	3515
16.	Orissa	2070	2549	2663
17.	Rajasthan	2478	2757	2896
18.	Tamil Nadu	2133	2635	2652
19.	U.P. Lucknow	3037	3061	3301
20.	U.P. Dehradun	2392	2707	3089
21.	W.B Calcutta	2296	2496	2623
22.	W.B Siliguri	1544	1785	1836
		49388	55382	59753

**Modernisation of Telephone System in
Devariya/Balia, U.P.**

596. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are con-
sidering to expand and modernise the tele-
phone system in Devariya and Balia districts
of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are as under:

Ballia District

All the 20 Telephone exchanges have been replaced by modern Electronic Exchanges of suitable capacity.

Devariya District

Out of 26 total Telephone Exchanges, 7 have already been replaced by modern Electronic Exchanges of suitable capacity. Sixteen Telephone Exchanges have been planned for modernisation and expansion during 1992-93 and remaining 3 in 1993-94.

[English]

International Electronic Media in the Country

598. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several international electronic media have been 'invading' Indian skies of late;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to project Doordarshan to meet this challenge; and

(c) the time by which the Government proposes to take concrete steps in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJAVYAS): (a) Reception of Foreign TV programmes through satellites is available in various parts of the country.

(b) and (c). Constant efforts continue to be made to bring about a qualitative improvement in the programme format of

Doordarshan so as to sustain the interest of its viewers. Arrangements have been made for reception of Doordarshan programmes outside India in the neighbouring countries with a dish antenna. Discussion and study are continuing to further extend the area of transmission of India programmes.

Persons Killed by Militants in Uttar Pradesh

599. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons killed by militants in Uttar Pradesh during the period from June to October, 1991.

(b) the number of militants killed as a result of police action during the said period; and

(c) the total amount provided by the Government as compensation to the families of the people killed by the militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Connections in Bangalore

600. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: SHRI P.C. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections sanctioned during the months January and February 1991, in Bangalore;

(b) whether telephone connections have been provided;

(c) if so, the details thereof;